

Claim 5 (new)

The canning jar strainer of claim 1 wherein the pull tabs are partially cut out of the canning jar strainer with the exception of a narrow edge forming a hinge at which the pull tabs pivotally and integrally engage to the disk, and wherein the two tabs are formed to include a slot at the intersection of the central and outer portions thereof allowing said tabs to be interlocked to form an X arrangement.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

The canning jar strainer of either claims 1 ~~to~~ through 4-5 wherein the utility thereof is to prevent buoyant foods from exposure to trapped air within a canning jar.

REMARKS

In reference to the drawings, please note that the phrase "Prior Art" has been inserted where shown on the marked-up drawing sheets herein.

In reference to the claims listing, claim numbers 5 and 6 have been interchanged, and the new claim (5) underline has been removed.

Please enter these amendments on record.